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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6817

BILL NUMBER: SB 343

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Theft of Copper and Other Valuable Metals.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Tallian

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI), in cooperation with the State Police Department (SPD) and other law enforcement agencies, to develop and maintain a valuable metals theft prevention program to inform valuable metal dealers, builders, and the public about the problem of theft of valuable metals, procedures required to purchase and resell valuable metals in Indiana, and other methods to prevent the theft of or to recover stolen valuable metals.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary-* The bill would require state expenditures of an unknown amount to develop a valuable metals theft prevention program. The amount of expenditures necessary to implement the program would depend on the amount of involvement of the SPD and other law enforcement agencies.

The bill does not provide an appropriation to cover the expense to develop the theft prevention program. The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

This fiscal impact statement will be updated as additional information becomes available.

Background Information on Criminal Justice Institute Appropriations, Reversions, and Staffing- The CJI receives Federal, state, and dedicated funds for various program and administrative expenditures. The following table illustrates the amount of funding received by appropriation from the General Assembly for the FY 2008-FY 2009 interim.

Fund Type	FY 2008 Appropriation	FY 2009 Appropriation
General	\$5.14 M	\$5.14 M
Dedicated	\$16.0 M	\$16.1 M
Federal	\$15.1 M	\$15.1 M
TOTAL	\$36.3 M	\$36.3 M

At the end of FY 2007, the CJI reverted \$49,000 of their Project IMPACT appropriation to the General Fund. As of July 2, 2007, the CJI had five vacant positions with a salary value of \$175,000.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: If this provision were to lead to additional enforcement and potentially to more arrests for valuable metal theft, expenditures for local law enforcement agencies would increase. The amount of increase is unknown, and would depend on the scope of the program implemented by the CJI.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Criminal Justice Institute, State Police, other state law enforcement agencies.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: *State of Indiana List of Appropriations, July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2009*; Detail Staffing Vacancy Report; State Budget Agency Close-out Documents FY 2007.

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